PRESENT—*cont.*

Siva Raj, Mr. N.
Siva Rao, Mr. P.
Slater, C.I.E., I.C.S., Mr. S. H.
Soundarapandia Nadar, Mr. W. P. A.
Souter, I.C.S., Mr. C. A.
Srinivasa Ayyangar, Mr. R.
Srinivasan, Rao Sahib R.
Subrahmanya Mooppanar, Mr. S.
Swami, Bar-at-Law, Mr. K. V. R.
Tajudin Sahib Bahadur, Syed.
Tampoe, I.C.S., Mr. A. McG. C.
Thomas, Mr. Daniel,
Tulasiram, Mr. L. K.
Uppi Sahib, Mr. K.
Vanavudaiya Goundar, Mr. S. V.
Venkatapathi Raju, Mr. P. C.
Venkatarangam Nayudu, Mr. C.
Venkataratnam, Mr. B.
Venkiah, Mr. S.
Watson, I.C.S., Mr. H. A.
Wood, Mr. C. E.
Wright, Mr. W. O.
Zamindar of Gollapalli.
Zamindar of Kallikota.
Zamindar of Mirzapuram.
Zamindar of Singampatti.

I

NEW MEMBER.

The undermentioned member made the prescribed oath of allegiance to the Crown and then took his seat:—

Mr. Hilton Brown.

II

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS

Agriculture

Agricultural demonstrators in Ceded districts.

*1408-A Q.—Mr. R. Nagan Gowda: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state what percentage of the total number of Agricultural demonstrators at present in the Presidency belong to the Ceded districts?

A.—7·25 per cent.

Appointment of demonstrators in the Second Circle.

*1408-B Q.—The Zamindar of Gollapalli: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government propose to appoint more demonstrators in the Second Circle; and

(*b*) if so, in what places?

A.—(*a*) Yes.
(*b*) The places have not yet been fixed.

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—"With reference to answer to clause (*a*) of this question, may I know how many demonstrators the Government are going to appoint?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—"We propose to appoint eight demonstrators."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—"Is it for the Second Circle alone, Sir?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" For the whole Presidency."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" The question refers only to the Second Circle. May I know how many they are going to appoint to the Second Circle ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" That has not been decided."

Quantity of seed potatoes raised in the Nanjanaad Potato Seed Farm.

* 1409 Q.—Mr. V. I. MUNISWAMI PILLAI : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) the quantity of seed potatoes raised in the Nanjanaad Potato Seed Farm and the value thereof realized during the past one year;

(b) the quantities doled out to ryots and their names and the actual quantity sold ;

(c) what is the expenditure incurred during the past one year for the staff entertained in the farm ; and

(d) whether the Government have appointed any visitors for the potato farm as is done in the case of the Agricultural College in Coimbatore ; if not, why not ?

A.—(a) 3,051 maunds of 25 lb. each valued at Rs. 1,508–3–1. This excludes Rs. 544, the value of 272 maunds transferred for district work.

(b) No seed potatoes were doled out to ryots. 782 maunds and 20¼ lb. were sold to ryots.

(c) Rupees 3,418.

(d) Honorary visitors are not attached to the Experiment stations nor is such a system deemed necessary or advisable as the stations are engaged on research work which is not likely to be understood by laymen.

Mr. V. I. MUNISWAMI PILLAI :—" With reference to (b), Sir, may I know whether any depressed classes men were given ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" Notice."

Admission of students in the Agricultural College.

* 1410 Q.—Mr. R. NAGAN GOWDA : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have any proposals to increase the number of students admitted into the College of Agriculture and, if so, what they are ; and

(b) whether they propose in the near future to make any and, if so, what arrangements to admit into the College all the qualified candidates that apply for admission ?

A.—(a) No.

(b) No. The College can provide accommodation only for 120 students. If a larger number is to be admitted, the accommodation will have to be increased as also the staff, etc.